

# Press Release

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## Maple Woods Workshop Feruary 2

On Saturday, February 2, 2008 at 10:00 AM, the Kickapoo Woods Cooperative will sponsor a workshop on maple forest management for syrup production and ecosystem health. Hosting the workshop are Phil and Sarah Gudgeon at their farm northeast of Viroqua.

The workshop will begin with a discussion of the types of equipment used to collect and process maple sap, and approaches to forest management for maple production. We will discuss the effect of sap collection on the trees, and timber value after trees have been tapped. We will then proceed into the woods to see the Gudgeons' maple production areas, which should be tapped and ready for the late winter maple collection season. We will also visit their maple house where sap is boiled down to make syrup. The Gudgeons are maple equipment dealers and have a beautiful, modern operation housed in an efficient building next to the woods.

KWC will provide coffee and light refreshments after the hike, and participants will have an opportunity to sample the Gudgeons' wares, maple syrup and maple cream, a 100% maple spreadable confection.

To find the Gudgeons' place, take highway BB east from the stoplight at the north end of Viroqua one-half mile to Railroad Avenue, turn left and go north one-half mile, then right approximately 2 miles to E8533 Cherry Grove Rd, and watch for signs. The event is free and all are welcome. For more information, contact Lila Marmel, 608-624-5269, sunmoon@mwt.net.

The Kickapoo Woods Cooperative's mission is to provide forestry education, management and marketing services to landowners of the Kickapoo valley and neighboring watersheds to improve the forestry resource for the region.